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# **FAMILY LISTING**

A photolisting of approved North Carolina  
families interested in adopting  
North Carolina's waiting children

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Dear Adoption Advocate:

This is the most recent edition of the NC Kids Family Listing. These families are interested in adopting children with special needs and have been approved for placement. Please review to determine if any of these families might be a suitable placement resource for children in the custody of your agency. If you think one of these families might be a potential match for one of your children, please call NC Kids at the above number (or download additional copies from <http://www.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm>). NC Kids has copies of each family's preplacement assessment and would be happy to send you a copy. We are available from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

It is our hope that when new families are approved to adopt, you will complete the Family Registration Form (DSS-1821) and send it along with a photograph and a copy of the family's preplacement assessment to the address above so they can be added to the Family Listing. We believe that this is a valuable resource in assisting the children of North Carolina in finding a permanent family.

Feel free to circulate this list to all adoption social workers. The Family Listing is updated monthly and can be found at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm>.

If you have questions or information to share, please feel free to contact us at 877-625-4371.

Sincerely,  
Beverley Smith  
NC Kids Director

# NC KIDS FEATURED FAMILY OF THE MONTH

## Meet the Yopp Family...



YOPP  
065-18486

Couple  
Caucasian

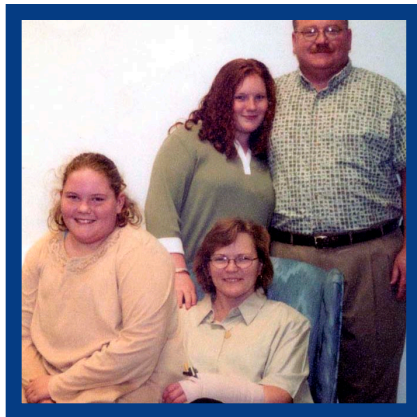
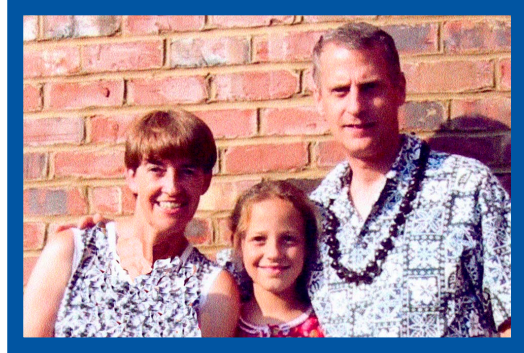
Jan and Gordon Yopp have a strong, loving relationship and believe they are capable of providing all of the love and nurturing their adoptive child may need. They feel that each child deserves to have a clear understanding of the expectations of the parents and that, with patience and calm resolve, children can be raised without corporal punishment. They understand and utilize alternatives and know that they work. Jan and Gordon would like to adopt a Caucasian or Asian girl or sibling group between five and ten years of age. They have successfully raised Jan's two birth daughters and have the love and experience to raise more children in need of stability, consistency, understanding, and nurturing.



**ANGERT**  
**010-21461**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Jim and Jackie Angert are licensed foster parents who have fostered one child for over a year, and others for shorter terms. They have one birth daughter and feel they are experienced and stable parents. The Angert's have traveled extensively and are open-minded people. They would like to adopt a child of any race, ethnic origin or cultural background from birth to nine years of age. Jim and Jackie are open to adopting a child with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges.



**ARNOLD**  
**090-18490**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

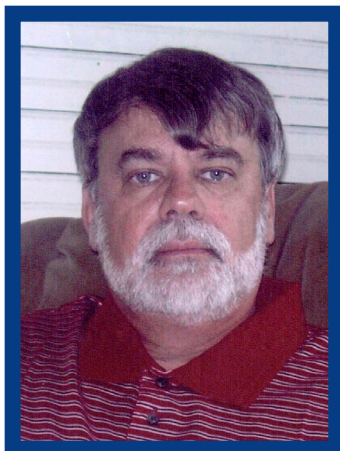
John and Martha, along with their two biological daughters, would like to add to their loving family by adopting a Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, or Hawaiian boy or girl, or sibling group of two, up to four years old. They are licensed foster parents and ready to permanently add a child with mild physical, emotional, learning, or mental retardation challenges. Martha Arnold is a licensed sign language teacher and is the county case manager for deaf and hard of hearing high school students. She is also an Exceptional Children's teacher who teaches job skills to students with disabilities. The Arnold family is involved in many activities, including Boy and Girl Scouts, band, and a variety of activities with their church.

**BAKER**  
**064-21556**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Rob and Julia want to adopt a little boy younger than their birth daughter, who is currently seven years old. They are open to fostering-to-adopt and to contact with birth family. The Baker's combine qualities of a traditional family and lifestyle with their own talents and interests. Church and family are important to Julia, while Rob spends most of his time skate boarding. Rob and Julia are open to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges.





**BARTON**  
020-22810

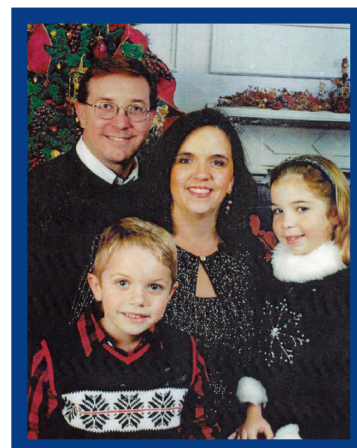
Single  
Caucasian

Joe Barton is a retired school teacher with experience working with children with both learning and physical disabilities. After teaching for 29 years, Joe often visits the middle and high schools to keep in touch with former students and colleagues. He hopes to adopt a Caucasian boy of pre- or elementary school age and he will consider a child with mild special needs. Joe's older sister also resides in the home they both grew up in amongst the southern Appalachian mountains. Joe hopes his adopted son will enjoy the wonderful local outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, canoeing, and kayaking. Joe has several goats that live outdoors, as well as two dogs and a cat that live in the house.

**BENFIELD**  
064-20921

Couple  
Caucasian

Bill and Tammy Benfield are friendly, caring, and open people. They genuinely love people and have a well-balanced mixture of calm and excitement. The Benfield's are active and enjoy spending time with children. Bill and Tammy have two birth children and are hoping to add two more through adoption. They would like to adopt boys or girls between birth and three years of age. The Benfield's are accepting of several ethnicities and prepared to love and nurture children with minor emotional or learning challenges. Bill and Tammy believe children should feel that they are important and contribute to the family in a positive way.



**BOST**  
080-21008

Couple  
Caucasian

Lee Ann and Rhyne have pursued their individual goals in life and are now prepared to pursue the shared goal of parenting a child together. They believe they have achieved a stability in their life that will help them provide structure to a child. The Bost's hope to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl (or two) between three and seven years old. They are licensed foster parents who hope to foster-to-adopt and feel confident raising a child with mild challenges. Lee Ann and Rhyne are very civic minded people. They are both involved in civic groups, volunteering, and are active in their church.







**BROWN**  
**032-14560**

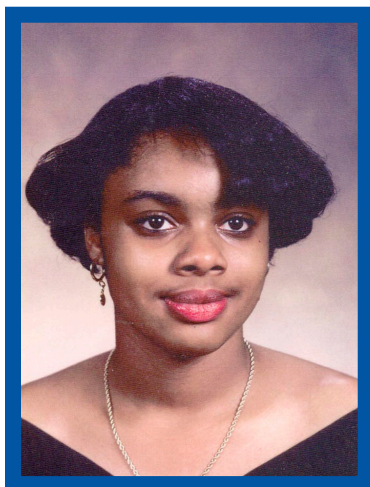
**Single**  
**Caucasian**

Dr. Elizabeth Brown has been involved with children since she worked at a summer camp for children with disabilities. She has organized her life over the past few years with adoption in mind. Her mother also has extra room and has attended adoption workshops and training in support of her daughter adopting a child. Dr. Brown will utilize her talents to provide a loving home environment with clear expectations and structure. She would like to adopt a child or sibling group up to sixteen years old. She has no specific ethnic preference, but is particularly interested in African American, biracial, or Hispanic children. Dr. Brown speaks fluent Spanish and has a Ph.D. in African literature and culture. She is open to mild physical or learning challenges and up to moderate emotional challenges. She does not feel capable of caring for children with mental retardation, a history of animal abuse, or who act out sexually towards other children.

**CONNER**  
**028-23175**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Rick and Chris Conner have raised two daughters to adulthood and have one more in high school. Chris has owned a daycare center and taught in Sunday school, while Rick voluntarily tutored elementary children in math and English. The Conner's feel that with their combined experience and training, they can successfully and positively raise more children. They would like to adopt one or two Caucasian children, preferably boys, or a brother/sister sibling group between three and fourteen years of age. They feel confident in raising children with mild physical, learning, or mental retardation challenges and up to moderate emotional challenges. The Conner family lives in a large house on twenty acres of farm land that they share with two Saint Bernards, a rabbit, a bird, a poodle, a cat, and two goats.



**DAVIS**  
**064-23052**

**Single**  
**African American**

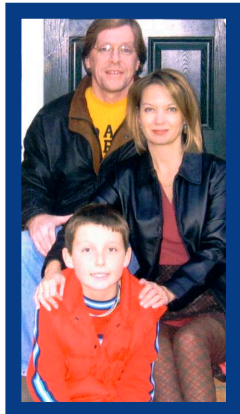
Tamara is warm and friendly woman hoping to foster-to-adopt a boy and/or girl between birth and 7 years of age. She has no ethnic preferences other than that the child speaks English. Because she is currently working towards a bachelor's degree, Tamara prefers a child without severe physical or emotional challenges. She is open to a child with mild physical or emotional challenges and up to severe learning disabilities. Tamara has worked with children in the past and is excited about welcoming a child into her home and heart.



**DODDS**  
**011-18894**

**Single**  
**Caucasian**

Rachel Dodds would like to adopt a boy or girl of any ethnicity between the age of 10 and 15. She feels that one of her strengths is being able to relate to a young adolescent, and believes she has the interests and family lifestyle that would suit the right young person. Rachel is an active, on-the-go woman with many interests. Sports and gardening are two of her favorite hobbies, along with playing with her friendly dogs. As a single parent, Rachel would prefer a child who is not seriously medically fragile. As a nurse, she feels she can handle any number of minor medical, emotional, or learning issues. Rachel draws a great deal of support from her relationship with Professional Parenting and Adoption Plus.



**DUFF**  
**092-20348**

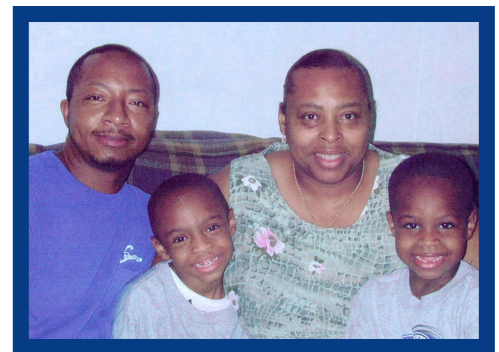
**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Terry and Shirley Duff have explored the adoption process at length and understand that a child's individual needs will impact how they approach parenting. With Shirley's experience dealing with parents in crisis in the Special Care Unit at Duke, she understands the child welfare system. She also adopted a child prior to her marriage to Terry who lives with them. Terry's experience as a camp counselor for underprivileged children and his degree in secondary and elementary education will be a bonus in understanding children. The Duff's would like to adopt a Caucasian or biracial girl in good physical health with minor emotional disabilities between birth and seven years of age.

**EDMUNDSON**  
**064-22692**

**Couple**  
**African American**

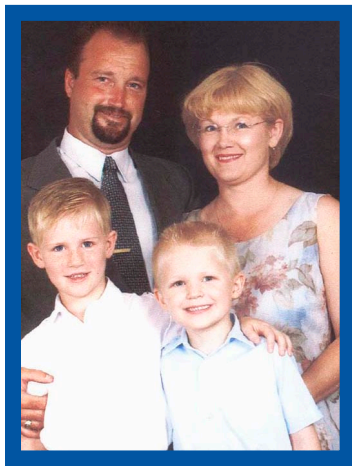
Steve and Mary Edmundson are a delightful and fun couple with a solid relationship. They were high school sweethearts and have grown together as a couple and parents over their twenty years of marriage. They have two birth sons in their home and one adult son not living in the home. Mary is a minister and they are very active with their church. Steve and Mary are interested in fostering-to-adopt one or two little girls aged newborn to two years old. They are open to any race or racial combination and can accept mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Edmundson's are licensed foster parents and open to a legal risk placement.



**FLEMING**  
**097-15624**

**Single**  
**Caucasian**

Miriam Fleming is interested in adopting one or two children, of any race, between twelve and seventeen years old. However, if the child is a girl, she would like her to be a little younger than twelve. Miriam is a licensed foster parent who will consider legal risk placements. As a regular respite parent for over a year with a special needs child, Miriam feels confident in raising a child with mild-to-moderate emotional, academic, physical, or medical challenges. She is not open to children who are sexually reactive or who have an attachment disorder. Ms. Fleming's position as a Park Ranger offers the possibility of moving outside of North Carolina in the future and she wants any prospective children to be aware and accepting of that.



**EUBANKS**  
**001-17419**

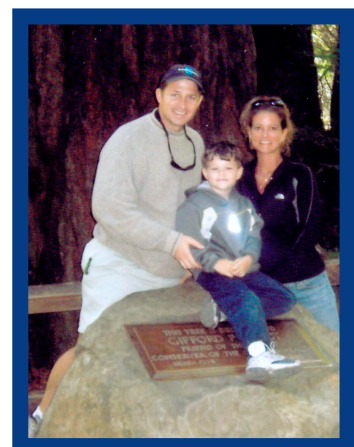
**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Randy and Debbie Eubanks fostered and adopted two brothers with whom they developed a strong emotional attachment. They are ready to adopt again and are interested in the placement of a young girl or sibling group of up to three, with at least one child being a girl, up to age nine. They are open to any Caucasian/biracial ethnic combination of children with possible mild physical, emotional or learning challenges. The Eubanks enjoy camping, fishing, swimming, and playing miniature golf. They also like movies, singing karaoke, family dinners out, and the children's sports activities.

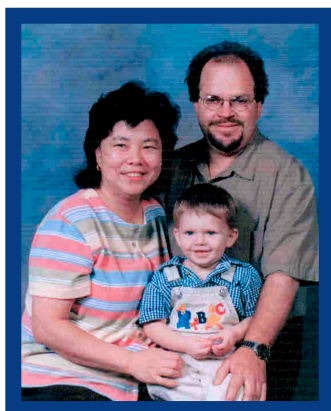
**FORD**  
**035-21066**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Vaughn and Kimberly Ford feel that they have been blessed financially and emotionally and want to give a child a loving and Christian home. They have one birth son and would like the opportunity for him to be a big brother. They indicated that, through MAPP training, they have learned a great deal about issues pertaining to children in the welfare system. The Fords hope to adopt a Caucasian girl under five years of age. They are open to moderate special needs, which they prefer to assess on an individual basis. The Fords do not feel able to accept a child with long-term major medical issues.







**GORRELL**  
080-7674

**Couple**  
**Caucasian & Chinese**

David and Lih-Yuh Gorrell have already adopted one child with a variety of challenges and they maintain contact with his birth family. They have plenty of experience and the knowledge of what to expect in the adoption process. They would like to adopt a boy or girl between birth and age three. They are open to a variety of ethnicities and up to moderate learning or mild emotional or physical challenges. David and Lih-Yuh are loving parents who have demonstrated the ability to put a child's needs before their own. The Gorrell's are stable, dependable, and have a flexible schedule.

**HALL**  
034-21682

**Couple**  
**African American**

Shaunne and Monte Hall have been blessed with two birth daughters and would like to share their lives with a little boy or sib group of males. They would like their adoptive son to be younger than the girls, so they prefer ages two through seven. The Hall's have no ethic preferences and are open to children with mild physical or moderate learning or emotional challenges. They have fostered several adolescent boys and have enjoyed the experience. Shaunne is a special education teacher at the local high school and can bring a level of experience and compassion to the children.



**HILL**  
033-17597

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

With six adult children between them, the Hill's are no strangers to being parents. They have one adopted son at home and realize they have a lot to share with another child. James and Charlene hope to adopt a Caucasian boy between three and six years of age. They are open to a child with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. This is a fun family that enjoys vacations and traveling around in their RV home. They also plan to buy some vacation property on which to build a cabin. Both James and Charlene have large, open hearts and realize there are adjustments to be made when adding a new family member. They are a loving family and welcoming of the challenges and rewards adoption will bring to the entire family.



**HAYES**  
**051-13501**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Carolyn and Dennis Hayes have already experienced adopting one little girl and would like to expand their family to include another girl or young sibling group of two girls between birth and three years old. They prefer the child be Caucasian or a combination of Caucasian/Hispanic or Caucasian/Native American ethnicity. Carolyn and Dennis are accepting of a few health issues (allergies, dental/speech problems, asthma) and a minor learning/developmental delay. While they do not feel able to raise a child with any emotional problems or difficulties, they are aware of the benefits of therapy. Carolyn and Dennis are not accepting of continued contact with birth family members, former foster parents, an open adoption, or a legal risk placement, but they might consider some contact with siblings.



**HINDES**  
**090-19998**

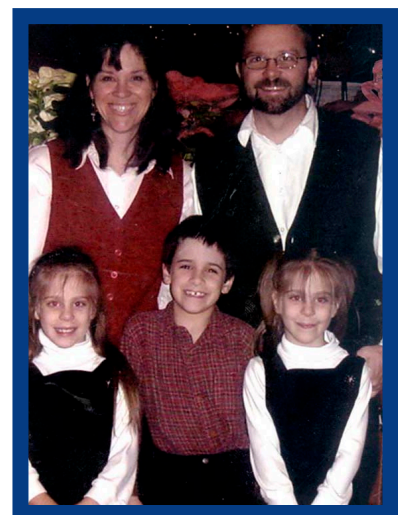
**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

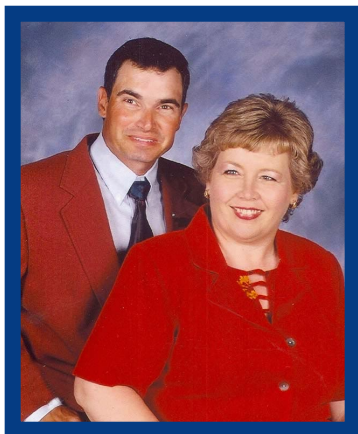
Tim and Jodi would like to adopt a Caucasian, Native American, Asian, or Hispanic boy between six and ten years of age. They have experienced international adoption with their son, Daniel, from Korea. Daniel is full of energy and very active and the Hinde's would like him to have a brother to play with. Tim and Jodi have expressed their ability to responsibly care for and love a child with up to moderate challenges in many areas. Tim Hinde is described as family-oriented, flexible, outgoing, joking, and social. Jodi is the nurturing and mild mannered person that tries to please others. The family is very active and enjoys attending church, camping, fishing, reading, and swimming. Tim also enjoys participating in Civil War reenactments.

**HOGSTROM**  
**092-7458**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Matt and Belinda have three adopted children and would like to adopt up to three more, either siblings or individuals, from birth to age eight. They have no preference for race or gender and feel confident in parenting children with up to moderate emotional and learning challenges, correctable physical challenges, and possible mild mental retardation. The Hogstrom's are committed to providing a home that embraces and cultivates their children's heritage and culture, if different than their own. The Hogstrom's children are each eager to have more siblings and look forward to "teaching them the ropes." Belinda is a stay-at-home mom who homeschools her children and plans to continue doing so.





**HOUSE**  
**064-22198**

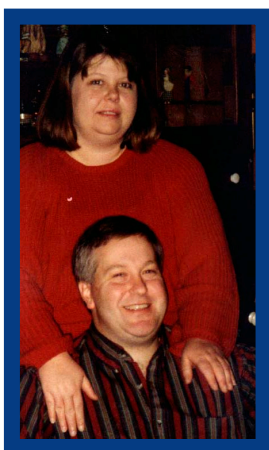
**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

William and Tammy House are a delightful couple who are interested in becoming parents through adoption. They are willing to become foster parents for the purpose of foster-to-adopt placements only. The House's hope to adopt a Caucasian girl between five and ten years of age, but are willing to consider a boy in the same age range. They hope to adopt a relatively healthy child, but are willing to discuss mild physical and emotional challenges. William and Tammy are hardworking, caring, positive, upbeat, dependable, and just plain "good people" who make you feel comfortable in their presence.

**HUMMEL**  
**080-8121**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Richard and Tracie Hummel have one birth son thirteen years old and would like to extend their family by adopting a relatively healthy Caucasian boy or girl between birth and two years of age. Mild developmental delays or special needs will be acceptable if they do not require that a parent stay at home with the child during the day. The Hummel's are licensed foster parents and would like to foster-to-adopt. Tracie Hummel is very active with students and athletics at the community college where she works. She also loves to read and supports their son in his athletic activities. Richard loves a good joke and figuring out how to fix some machines, or translate an idea into a plan that eventually becomes a reality.



**JOHNSON**  
**078-16435**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Edward "Randy" and Ruth "Ann" Johnson are friendly, loving people who enjoy helping others. They share a strong sense of family and each has a terrific sense of humor. The Johnson's enjoy attending church, fishing, camping, sports, traveling, music, collecting items from junk stores, and visiting educational and historical sites. They have two dogs that live in the home, but also have an outside pen. Edward and Ruth hope to adopt a child, or sibling group of two children, between birth and six years of age within the normal range of intelligence and minimal special needs. They would like to adopt a child of Caucasian, Caucasian/Hispanic, or Caucasian/Native American ethnicity.

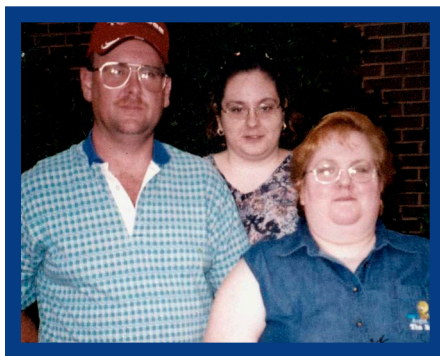




LAND  
041-18427

Couple  
Caucasian

Phillip and Lori Land are motivated to adopt because they love children and are family oriented. They are a mature couple prepared to provide care to a child 0-3 months or sibling group of two children up to age four. The Land's are licensed foster parents with the experience of fostering four children. Lori is a speech therapist accustomed to working with special needs children and has completed nine additional hours of training since becoming a licensed foster parent. They are open to a Caucasian or Caucasian/Hispanic child with possible mild physical or learning disabilities that they will discuss on an individual basis. Lori is a loving, giving, compassionate, and outgoing person. Phillip is a jovial and giving man who loves life and enjoys every day.



KEITH  
090-18022

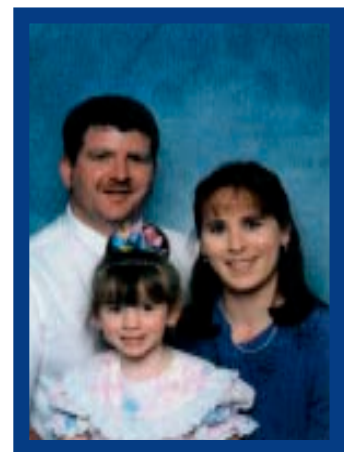
Couple  
Caucasian

Brian and Joni would like to adopt a boy or girl, or sibling group up to the age of five. They have no ethnic preferences and are open to children with mild mental retardation and/or moderate physical, emotional or learning challenges. Joni Keith worked in a group home with special needs children and adults for three years and is currently working toward a degree in Early Childhood Education. She also operates a daycare. Joni's birth daughter is enrolled in college and lives with them during vacations. They are licensed foster parents and would like to adopt a child to raise together. The Keith's feel they have the time, the patience, the resources, and the stability to do so successfully and lovingly.

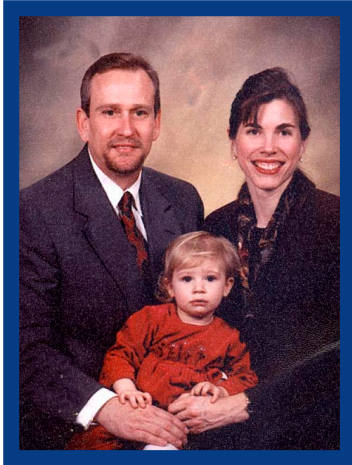
KEITH  
063-14152

Couple  
Caucasian

Eight-year-old Taylor would like a younger brother from birth to seven years old to share her toy dinosaurs with. Taylor's parents, Ginger and Tony, believe having a brother will be good for Taylor. They hope to provide a loving home for a healthy Caucasian boy, but they believe they can work with a child that has mild emotional or learning disabilities. They do not feel prepared for a child with major physical handicaps or medical conditions, or a child with severe emotional challenges.







**LAMM**  
032-8327

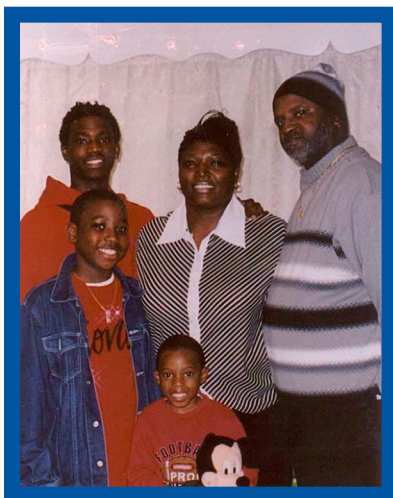
**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

A girl of any race from age four to fifteen would be ideal to join the home of Greg and Stephanie, although they would be willing to consider a boy, as well. Their three-year-old biological daughter, Katerina, would love to have an older sister to play with. This couple is ready to share their enjoyment of cooking, sports, and travel with their new family member. Stephanie is fluent in Spanish and they both are interested in different cultures. The Lamms feel they would be able to work with a child who has mild physical, emotional, or learning disabilities. They have much to offer another child and will do so with open arms.

**LAWSON**  
026-22288

**Couple**  
**African American**

Michael and Angela Lawson would like to adopt an African American girl between one and three years of age. As a little sister to Angela's sons, one of whom lives with them, the Lawson's are open to a legal risk placement. They feel confident in successfully and happily raising a child with an unknown medical and mental health history, and mild medical and mental health issues of the birth family.



**LYLES**  
090-19697

**Couple**  
**African American**

Brenda and Lorance Lyles have one adopted and two birth sons who are reportedly excited and supportive of welcoming another child into their family. The Lyle's would like to adopt an African American girl up to five years of age, but will consider a child a little older and are open to a legal risk placement. They are willing to consider a child with some behavior challenges, but no serious emotional or behavioral disorders. They also do not feel able to consider a child who requires constant medical attention. Brenda Lyles is described as friendly, happy, a little "nutty", compassionate, and talkative. Lorance is also friendly, outgoing, talkative, and loves to laugh. Their sons are active in sports, school activities, and church.





**MALLETT**  
090-20904

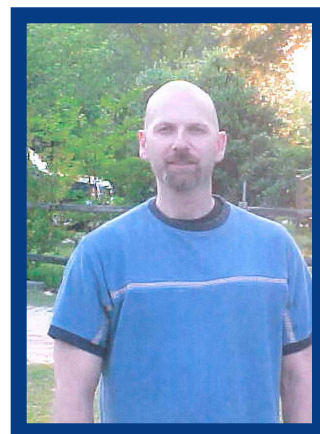
**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

James and Pam Mallett have personal parenting experience with three birth children. Pam has worked with autistic, mentally disabled, and special needs children in a pre-school environment. Since having their children she has been a stay-at-home mom. The Mallett's are interested in adopting a child or sibling group of two children up to ten years old, of any racial heritage. They are accepting of mild to moderate behavioral, emotional, developmental, or academic special needs. James, Pam, and their children enjoy swimming in their pool, playing in their tree house, swinging on their swingset, and visiting James' extended family in England.

**MAXWELL**  
026-20090

**Single**  
**Caucasian**

Kevin Maxwell has a pleasant and welcoming demeanor. He is currently employed at a Christian school where he teaches seventh and eighth grade children. Kevin has worked with and taught special needs children and has worked with children in some capacity for the majority of his life. He lives on a family farm community with extended family surrounding him. Kevin would like to adopt a Caucasian boy between 5 and 10 years of age. He will consider adopting a male sibling if two children are to be adopted together. He is open to a child with moderate emotional and mental needs and mild physical and medical needs.



**MCNEILL**  
026-17157

**Couple**  
**African American**

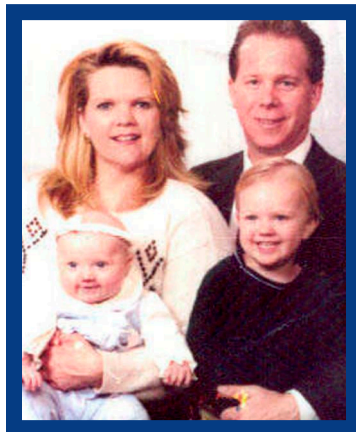
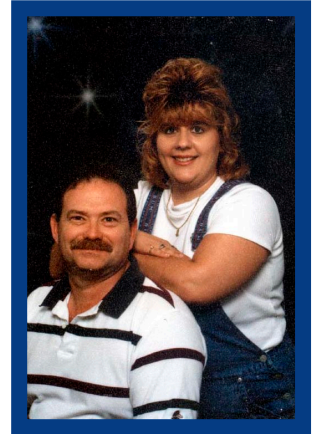
Roscoe and Maggie McNeill are a lively and active couple. Roscoe works full time during the day, while Maggie works part-time and will be at home to raise their adoptive child. They have parenting experience with one adult child with disabilities who lives next door, and one child with no special needs. Roscoe and Maggie believe they have a lot to offer a child with mild mental, emotional, or medical needs. They hope to adopt a girl of any racial heritage between birth and age six.



**MECIMORE**  
**049-14911**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Bruce and Pamela seek to fulfill their dreams of a happy family by adopting up to three siblings from infant to eleven years old. They prefer children of a Caucasian background, but are also open to Latino and American Indian. This loving couple feels prepared for children dealing with mild emotional problems, as well as children with mild learning disabilities. However, they feel less confident regarding children who are physically or mentally handicapped. Bruce and Pamela believe that a good education is necessary for children to succeed and are ready to help their future children with the guidance and resources they will need. The couple's lifestyle is centered around family and work. They love to go camping and care for their pets. Bruce has an adult son from a previous marriage and both have had other experiences working with children. They are prepared and eager to share their lives and their home.



**MILLER**  
**060-17470**

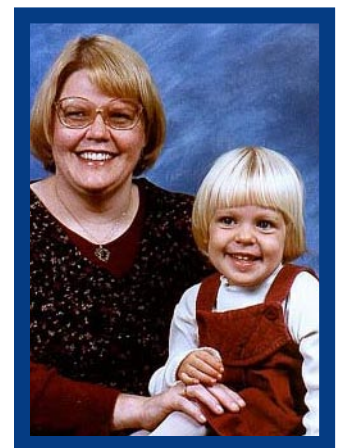
**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

The Millers are already the biological parents to two birth children and feel that they have much more to offer other children. They have a unique perspective on adoption, as Julie was adopted. Her adoptive mother died when she was sixteen, so Julie understands the loss and grief children in foster care go through. She has also had contact with her birth mother and understands those issues, as well. Julie and Joe hope to adopt up to three children between birth and twelve years of age. They are an active family and feel confident in successfully raising and loving boys and/or girls with mild to moderate emotional challenges and moderate learning challenges. They are open to mixed racial backgrounds.

**MITKUS**  
**005-13817**

**Single**  
**Caucasian**

Kerry and her daughter, Cadie, would like another child in their family. They hope to welcome a girl or two sisters between birth and eight years of age. Kerry has no hesitation in adopting a child that is white, biracial, or Native American with mild disabilities. She is described as outgoing and patient with a good sense of humor. Kerry and Cadie both love animals and they have two dogs and three cats. Kerry shows evidence of being an involved and dedicated parent who will provide a nurturing home for a child.

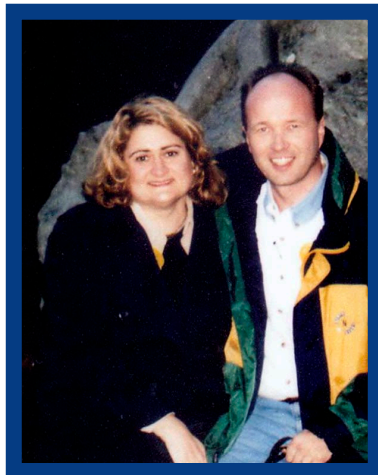
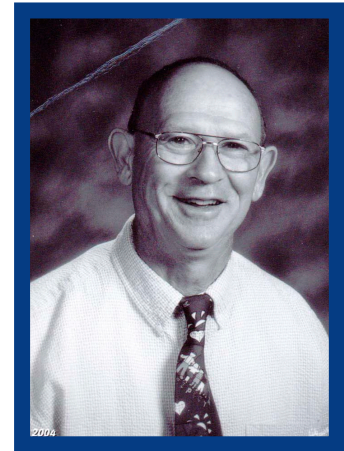




**MORTON**  
085-2592

**Single**  
**Caucasian**

Being in the educational system for 45 years led Bruce Morton to becoming a foster parent. In his own words, he has fostered just about every “make and model” of child in the foster care system. Bruce has two adopted children, one with fetal alcohol syndrome and ADHD, so he is well aware of the possible challenges of children in care. Bruce would like to adopt a boy (variety of ethnicities or biracial) between 9 and 15 years of age. It is important to Bruce that this child be physically able to function in the school system and participate in sports.



**NORBERG**  
090-20002

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Ken and Andrea Norberg are foster parents who would like to adopt up to three Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or biracial children from birth to age six. They are open to legal risk placements and will consider older children on an individual basis. They feel capable of parenting children with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ken and Andrea are a vivacious couple whose comforting personalities make a stranger feel at ease and welcome in their home. Both are active in their church and church choir and enjoy politics, traveling, gardening, computers, and animals. The Norberg's raise honeybees and have a cat. They have many friends and enjoy socializing and spending time with family and friends.

**OAKLEY**  
090-20134

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Lee and Lisa Oakley would like to adopt from one to three children between birth and ten years of age, but prefer at least one child to be younger than five. They have no gender or ethnic preference and are open to children with moderate levels and a wide range of challenges. Lisa's two birth sons live with them and help out with the foster children that are placed with the family. The boys have been positive role models for these children and have made them feel comfortable and at home with their family. Lee and Lisa are very involved with their church and are also involved in building a new program to work with abused and neglected children. This program will be held on a horse farm and the long-term goal is to provide summer camps and individual counseling to children with these challenges.







**PALLARES**  
092-16876

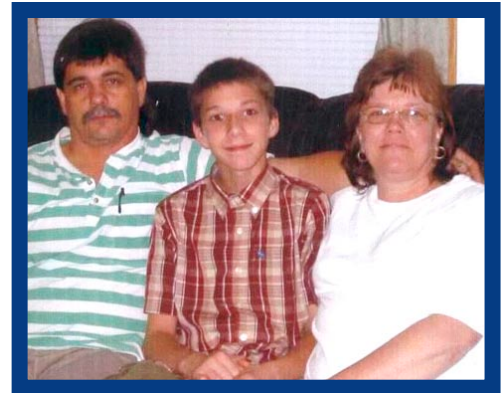
**Couple**  
**Hispanic**

Michael and Maribel would like to adopt a Hispanic child with limited English ability so they can give the child a healthy jump in life, but they are open to a variety of ethnicities and the child does not have to be Spanish-speaking. A boy or girl, age four to twelve with possibly mild emotional or learning disabilities would be ideal for the Pallares to adopt. They love to go to amusement parks to ride roller coasters, go out to eat, listen to music and play with their dogs, Tempest Moon and Mini Pearl, who are great with children.

**PERRYMAN**  
029-22651

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

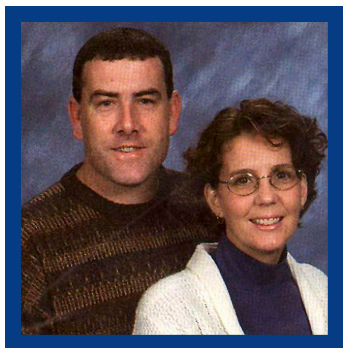
Robert and Tina Perryman are experienced with adopting children in North Carolina, as they have already adopted one son whom they have raised since birth. Their son, Robert, understands that he will have to share his parents when another child joins their family and he feels ready for the challenge. The Perryman's would like to adopt a child between three and five years old, but will consider a child up to nine years of age. They prefer a child of Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, or Hawaiian Native ethnicity, or a combination of any of those races. Robert and Tina would like a healthy child with possible mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges.



**PITTS**  
034-9432

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

David and Phyllis are licensed foster parents who are willing to accept a legal risk placement. They hope to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl, or up to two children, between two and twelve years of age. Children with mild special needs (emotional, academic, behavioral, or medical) will be considered. The Pitts' both feel that parents of special needs children have a responsibility to teach the child how to break the cycles of abuse and neglect so the child can move on to become a good parent and successful person. They understand the importance of building trust with the child and helping the child feel safe and secure with them.



**RICHARDS**  
092-19564

Couple  
Caucasian

Andy and Sheila Richards would like to adopt a Caucasian sibling group of two girls, but will consider one child from one to six years of age. They are open to children with learning disabilities and minor, correctable physical health needs. As a speech pathologist, Sheila believes that her work experience in a hospital dealing with children whose parents were in crisis will help her in parenting a child who has been involved with the child welfare system. Both Andy and Sheila demonstrate a strong commitment to the process and understanding of foster care and adoption. The Richards family enjoys spending time with their church family, walking their dog, managing softball teams, and visiting their parents and family.

**ROBBINS**  
049-22385

Couple  
Caucasian

Being licensed foster parents, the Robbins family understands the issues a child in foster care often carries. They have adopted three children through the system, one with RAD and other challenges. They also have two teenaged birth daughters, so they have plenty of parenting experience. Mark and Lisa would like to adopt up to two more children of any gender or ethnicity between age two and five. They are open to some minor or mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Robbins family centers many of their activities around church, but also have a wonderful home with lots of fun activities.



**ROCKENHAUSER**  
054-0072

Couple  
Caucasian

James and Sandra are interested in adopting a boy and/or girl (sibling group) from birth to six years of age. They are accepting of Caucasian or biracial heritage. They believe they can provide for a child with correctable handicaps, but are not comfortable with a child that has allergies, mental retardation, severe physical/mental handicaps, or hyperactivity that cannot be controlled. James and Sandra are a loving couple with a wonderful sense of humor and they complement each other's styles. Neither have any second thoughts about adoption and feel they have lots to offer their adoptive child. The Rockenhausers are open to maintaining important contacts for the children.

**SHERROD**  
**032-19867**

**Single**  
**African American**

Shuphora Sherrod is a friendly and very likable woman. She is an experienced foster parent who would like to adopt a child or sibling group of up to four children. Ms. Sherrod has no gender or ethnicity preferences and will consider the special needs of each on an individual basis. Compatibility and “fit” are the most important criteria to Shuphora. She has a strong support system, including her mother, who is a therapeutic foster parent. Shuphora enjoys being a member of a motorcycle club, going to movies, home improvement projects, working out at the gym, and entertaining friends. She is aware that her life will change in remarkable ways when she welcomes a child into her family and she is prepared for those changes. Shuphora plans to continue fostering children, so her adopted child must be compatible with other children.



**SIMPSON**  
**049-16785**

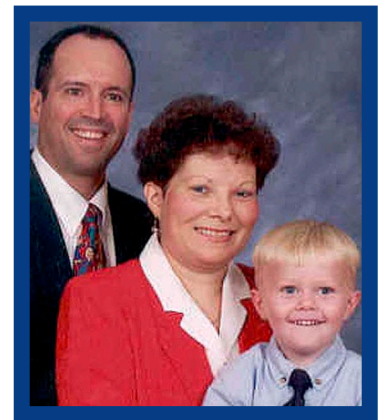
**Single**  
**Caucasian**

Rosemary and her birth daughter, Savannah, are looking forward to adopting a sister for Savannah between two and nine years old. Rosemary is a licensed foster parent and prefers a foster-to-adopt child of Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American descent. She is open to a child with up to moderate emotional or learning challenges. Savannah would like to introduce her new sister to the joys of acrobatics, acting, and Girl Scouts.

**SMITH**  
**080-20204**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian & Native American**

The Smith's are no strangers to the adoption process; they fostered and adopted their four-year-old son. They hope to adopt a brother or sister between two and six years of age for Daniel. They are open to a variety of ethnicities and possibly mild overall challenges. Kelly is a nurse and is considering going back to school. Donna is a minister with a loving and open heart. The Smith's are licensed foster parents and would like to foster-to-adopt again.

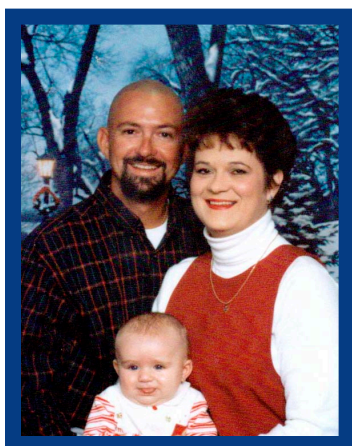
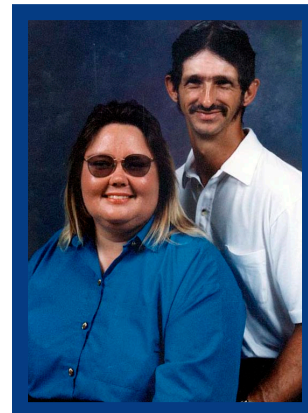




**SPELL**  
**082-13251**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

The Spell's have fostered children since 2003. They have found their parenting experiences to be positive and look forward to adopting a male or female, or sibling group from six months to four years of age. They prefer a Caucasian child, but are open to other racial ethnicities. They feel capable of successfully raising a child with mild learning, medical, developmental, or behavior challenges including ADHD, RAD, or other attachment disorders. Arnold and Bobbie are conscious of the special needs that foster and adoptive children may have and feel they can meet those needs. Their extended family is in complete support of their adopting a child.



**STANLEY**  
**010-16301**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Being foster parents has been a valuable experience for Jamie and Kim Stanley. They fostered a sibling group of four brothers from age one to twelve in hopes of adopting them. The decision to place the boys in another county was heartbreaking for the Stanleys, but they understood and accepted that it was in the best interest of the children. Jamie and Kim have adopted a girl and hope to adopt two more children of any race or gender between birth and twelve years of age. They are open to children with mild physical or moderate emotional or learning challenges.

**THOMPSON**  
**033-17114**

**Single**  
**African American**

Monique Thompson is eager to become an adoptive parent as she feels she can have a positive impact on a child's life. She understands that parenting an adoptive child may present some unique issues and will totally change her life, but she is prepared to deal with whatever comes along. Monique would like to adopt an African American girl or sibling group of two girls between one and eight years old. As a single parent she is open to children with mild special needs.







**TODD**  
090-17490

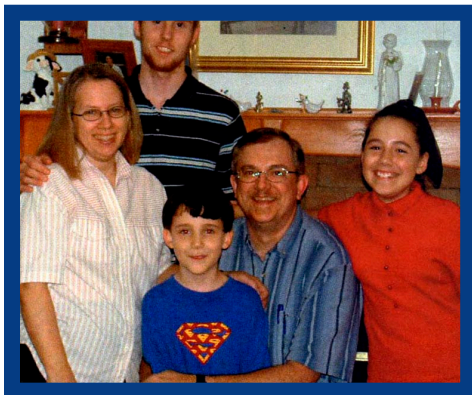
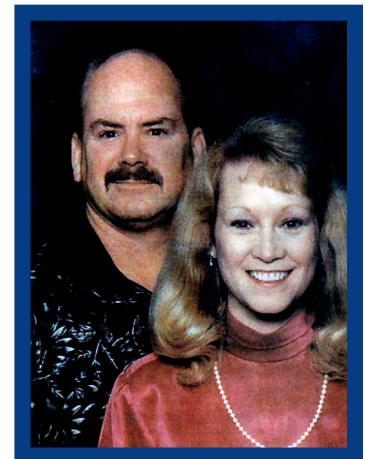
**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Chip and Connie Todd are loving and moral people with a deep faith in God. Chip is an ordained Deacon and both work closely with toddlers and teens in the church. The Todds would like to adopt a girl or sibling group of two, as long as one is a girl, from age four to nine years old. They are open to a child's heritage of Caucasian or several mixed ethnicities. Chip and Connie feel confident they can love and successfully raise a child with minor emotional or learning disabilities. The Todds are licensed foster parents willing to accept legal risk children.

**WADDLE/ZIEMER**  
032-8346

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

With backgrounds in veterinary medicine, it is no wonder that Jerry Waddle and Ellen Ziemer would own a large horse farm where they breed and raise horses. They have two birth children nearly grown and one adopted child from Guatemala. They have already demonstrated the ability to attach to a child who is not their biological child through slowly building trust and meeting needs. They hope to adopt a Caucasian, Hispanic, or Native American boy or girl between three and eight years old. Jerry and Ellen feel confident in raising a child with zero-to-mild physical, learning, or emotional challenges.



**WALKER**  
929-19207

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Kim and Jo Anne are experienced foster and adoptive parents, having already adopted three children. Their experience with children with disabilities makes them perfect candidates to foster-to-adopt another child. The Walkers would like to adopt a girl, or sibling group of up to three children, up to eight years of age. While they prefer a Caucasian child, they are receptive to all biracial combinations and are open to a legal risk child. Kim and Jo Anne feel able to parent a child with mild-to-moderate physical, emotional, developmental, social challenges, and learning disabilities. They express concern about parenting a child who has been sexually abused. The Walkers enjoy attending their children's sporting events and are looking forward to introducing their new family member to their dog, cat, parakeets, and guinea pig.



**WHALEY**  
074-22782

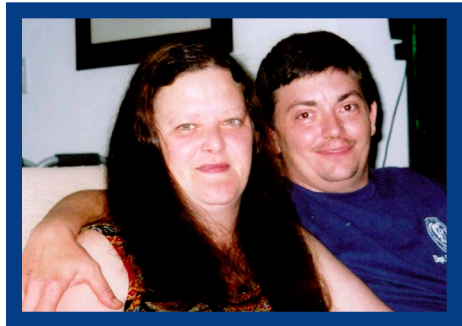
**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Michael and Melissa have known each other since elementary school when Melissa told her mother she would marry Michael. Many years later, she did just that. Having already adopted one child, the Whaley's are both experienced and very excited about adopting another to add to their loving family. They would like to adopt a Caucasian or biracial Hispanic/Caucasian boy or girl between birth and four years of age. Michael and Melissa hope to adopt a child who is in good health, or who has minor correctable health needs.

**WHITLING**  
076-21390

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Terry and Deborah Whitling are licensed foster parents who hope to adopt children of any race or gender up to the age of seventeen. They prefer a sibling group to prevent separation and are open to adopting up to five siblings. The Whitling's will consider children that are emotionally, physically, and/or intellectually challenged or have been physically or sexually abused. Terry and Deborah's interests include flea-marketing, reading, computers, and animals.



**WIDENER**  
034-8416

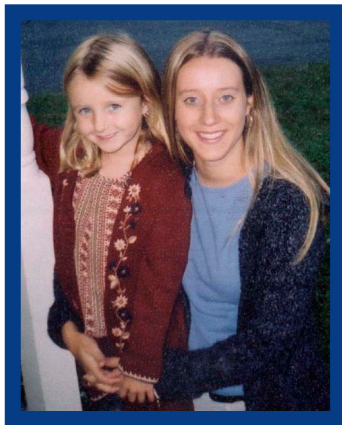
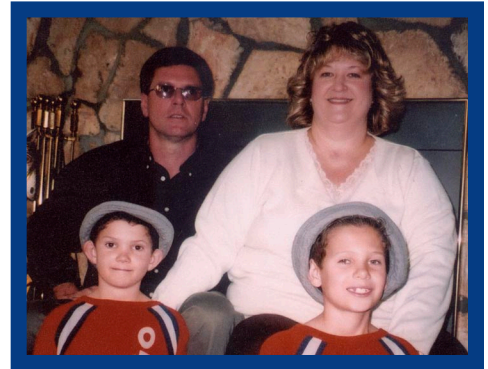
**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

William and Linda Widener have been licensed foster parents since 2004. They have a great deal of parenting experience with their birth daughter, who will be leaving for college next year. William and Linda also have plenty of experience working with the school system and ensuring that all resources have been utilized in advocating for their daughter's learning disability. They will ensure that an adopted child will receive whatever resources he or she requires. The Widener's would like to adopt one or two girls between three and fifteen years of age. They are open to a wide range of ethnicities and feel confident in loving, supporting, and successfully raising children with mild physical or learning challenges and up-to-moderate emotional challenges.

**WILLIAMS**  
**090-18010**

**Couple**  
**Caucasian**

Eddie and Starla would like to adopt a little sister for their two birth sons. The Williams family is loving and close and they enjoy singing songs and playing games. They also like to play outside and ride their bikes together. Eddie and Starla hope to adopt a Caucasian girl from birth to age four. They will consider a child of multiethnic descent, including Caucasian/Hispanic, Caucasian/Native American and/or Caucasian/Asian ethnicity. The Williams' feel confident in successfully raising a child with mild mental or physical limitations. Starla is an elementary school teacher and has experience with a variety of children. They are licensed foster parents and willing to accept a legal risk placement.



**WITHERSPOON**  
**005-17808**

**Single**  
**Caucasian**

Wendy Witherspoon and her bubbly daughter, Maggie, would love to welcome a younger brother to their active, enjoyable life. They love to be outside jumping on the trampoline, playing sports, riding bikes, or taking walks. Both Wendy and Maggie belong to sports teams and are each other's biggest fans. They hope to adopt an African American or African American/Caucasian child between birth and seven years of age. They feel they can offer a child with mild physical or learning challenges, and up to moderate emotional issues, a safe and loving forever family.

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